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Staff Notes

DEBBIE DAVIS NAMED COORDINATOR OF ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Debbie C. Davis, Administrative Secretary to the Vice President for University Advancement at Delta State, has been named Coordinator of Alumni Activities.



Davis, who has served in her current position since 1993, replaces Vicki Fioranelli, who was named Director of Career Services & Placement. Davis assumed her new role in July.

Prior to working in the President's Office, Davis was Senior Secretary to the Alumni/Foundation

Director. She taught four years at Parks Elementary School in Cleveland before joining the Delta State staff in 1991.

Davis earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Delta State in 1974.

Active in Cleveland civic affairs, Davis served as an officer in Ephfic Woman's Club, the Cleveland Junior Auxiliary and the American Cancer Society.

While at Delta State she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, and she has served as an officer in the Kappa Delta Alumni Association.

Davis and her husband, Steve ('74) have three children, Jennifer, Rex (both Delta State students) and Kathryn. They are active members of the Cleveland First United Methodist Church.

HARD AT WORK!



Alumni Secretary Missy Pearce is caught "in the act" of preparing mailouts for Homecoming Reunions!

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

To meet publishing deadlines only information received by July 15 is contained in this issue. Two 24-page issues of *Delta Currents* are to be published during the 1998-99 school year and forwarded to 20,000 alumni & friends of DSU. *Do we have your correct address?* The Foundation donor/giving clubs report will be included in the *Delta State Annual Report*, to be released in November.

Editor's Notes

Talk about excitement! That time is now as we begin a new year and prepare for *Pig Pickin* and *Homecoming '98*. Both events occur within two weeks of one another (Sept. 19/Oct. 3) and will provide us with the opportunity to "kick off" the '98 football season in style. Make your plans to be here!

It is really special to our staff when we hear from you. It reassures us to know that you are interested in what's happening with Delta State and your fellow alumni. Here's a small sample:

I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the Delta Currents over the years. Congratulations on a job well done. Thanks so much for all your efforts to keep DSU alumni updated. [Dr. Robin Wilbourne Lee '90,'93]

I received the latest issue of the DSU magazine, and it really looks good. Please accept my compliments. [Jeff Bogue, '70]

A special thanks to **Norman Goering, Jr. '92**, a CIS instructor at Southwest Community College, who took the initiative to contact the tax collector's office in Pike County to ask why it didn't have the specialized DSU license tag. As a result of his persistence the office will provide the tag in the future. And yes, Norman, knowing that \$36 of the \$50 cost for the "special" tag goes to Delta State should make its purchase more inviting to our alumni.

And here is a request we need more of. Thanks John!

I haven't received any mail in some time ... please make certain you have my correct address. [John H. Walker '71]

Keep those letters, E-mail and cards coming. We want to hear from you and what you think about *Delta Currents*.

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Delta State has a web page!

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The next time you travel the information superhighway, stop at Delta State's web site. Our site will provide you with information on the university, alumni activities, sports events, the Bologna Performing Arts Center, DSU's online admissions application, class schedules, tuition & fees, faculty, staff and student directories, plus much more. Use the address above and *Get Linked To Delta State*.

1998 DSU HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 2, 1998

- 10:45 am DSU Foundation Board Meeting
Walker Alum./Fnd. House
- 12 Noon Alumni Association/Foundation
Boards Luncheon
Walker Alum./Fnd. House
- 2:30 pm DSU Alumni Assn. Board Meeting
Walker Alum./Fnd. House
- 5:00 pm Class of 1948 Social & Banquet
Cleveland Country Club
- 7:00 pm Pi Kappa Alpha/Zeta Beta Reunion
Airport Grocery

Saturday, October 3, 1998

- 9-12 Noon Registration
H.L. Nowell Union, 2nd Floor
- 9:00 am Koffee Klatch
*Reunion Classes of 1938,1948,
1958,1968,1978,1988,1998*
- 9:00 am Yurkow Chair Breakfast &
Accounting Alumni Meeting
Sunset Room, 1st Floor Union
- 9:30 am Athletic Alumni Board and
General Meeting
3rd Floor, Union
- 10:00 am Musical Entertainment
Front of Union
Aviation Dept. Open House
Airport Hanger
- 11:00 am Pep Rally/Cheerleaders & Band
Front of Nowell Union
- 11-2 pm Pike/Zeta Beta Open House
Zeta Beta Chapter Room/Clark
- 11:30 am Alumni Recognition Luncheon
State Room, Union (\$8 at door)
- 12 Noon 1978 Baseball Reunion/Luncheon
Walker Alum./Fnd. House
- 1:00 pm Tour of Campus
Meet in Front of Nowell Union
- 2:00 pm KICK OFF - DSU vs West Alabama
Parker Field
1938 Class Reunion
Sunset Room, 1st Floor, Union
1948 Class Reunion
Walker Alum./Fnd. House
- 5:00 pm Tailgating Party at Shumate Park
Sponsored by the Class of 1988
- 5:00 pm Classes of '58,'68,'78,'88
Meet at Shumate Park

Campus News

DSU PROFESSOR NAMED HEAD OF NURSING CHAPTER



Williams-Evans

Dr. S. Alicia Williams-Evans is the new president of the Mississippi Nurses Association District No. 30.

One of the nation's first critical care nurses and a professor of nursing at Delta State for the past four years, Williams-Evans has 15 years of administrative and academic experience.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., she received her BSN from the University of Tulsa, MSN degree in psychiatric-nursing from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. in human environmental sci-

ences from Oklahoma State University.

A member of the American Association of Nursing, Williams-Evans was certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1997. She is married to Kenneth Evans and they have two children.

CAMPUS UPDATES

- **Dorothy Shawhan**, chair of the Division of Languages and Literature, was named Woman of Achievement by the Mississippi Association of University Women.

- **Dr. Cooper Johnson**, assistant professor of Management, was named chair of the Division of Management and Marketing.



Mary Jean Lush

- **William Tony Wilson**, assistant professor of Accounting, received certification as a Certified Financial Services Auditor from the organization's certification committee. Wilson's designation as a CSFA is the mark of internal auditing expertise in the financial services industry.

- **Dr. Mary Jean Lush**, associate professor of Business Education, was named coordinator of Graduate and Non-Traditional Programs for the School of Business.

- **POMA (Publications of the**

Mississippi Philological Association) has moved its home base from USM to Delta State with Language & Literature professors Susan Allen Ford, Bill Spencer and Carolyn Elkins serving as editors.

- **Dr. Keith Atkinson**, associate professor of Accounting, was named chair of the Department of Accounting.

- **Dr. Chester M. (Bo) Morgan**, associate professor of History, was named chair of the Department of History.

- **Dr. Karen Bell**, holder of the Ph.D. degree in German Languages and Literature from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, is joining the foreign language faculty.

- **Marion Barnwell**, assistant professor of English received a special achievement award from the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters for *A Place Called Mississippi*.

NOBEL LAUREATE TO HEAD ELLIOTT SYMPOSIUM LINEUP

Dr. Gertrude Elion, who, with Sir James Black and Dr. George Hitchings, received the Nobel Prize in Physiology / Medicine, will be the featured lecturer for the Elliott Symposium at Delta State University on October 1-2.

Elion, Black and Hitchings are credited with key victories in the fight against heart disease, peptic ulcers, hypertension, leukemia and other cancers, malaria, bacteria, gout, infections and herpes.

The 1988 Nobel honorees made discoveries of practical significance which revolutionized pharmacology. Their work has prolonged or improved the lives of millions, and virtually all of their discoveries remain important in contemporary medicine.

"GREAT BOOKS" PROGRAM ADDED TO CURRICULUM

Delta State University's School of Arts and Sciences has added the "Great Books" Program to its 1998-99 curriculum as an interdisciplinary study, featuring works from the Graeco-Roman and the Judeo-Christian traditions, those from the beginnings of the modern world and those from the modern world.

"This course of study involves a rigorous examination of great works of Literature, Philosophy, History, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences," said Dr. Richard Myers, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Alumni News

DELTA & PINE LAND EXECUTIVE RETIRES



Longtime Delta and Pine Land Company executive Bill Arnold ('68) recently retired after a career which began there as an accountant and concluded as head of the company's International Division with operations in 22 countries.

A native of Beulah, he has been with D&PL for more than 17 years, serving as controller, vice president of Finance, of Corporate Development, and of International Development before being selected to head its International Division in 1995.

Arnold led the development team which enabled D&PL to successfully intro-

duce the world's first commercial transgenic cotton seed. As president of the International Division, he oversaw establishment of joint venture relationships in China and Argentina and strengthened the company's overall operations, especially in Australia, South Africa, Mexico, Greece, Spain and Turkey.

In announcing Arnold's retirement, D&PL president Murray Robinson said, "Bill Arnold's leadership in the development of the firm's transgenic products and his leadership of our International Division have been invaluable contributions to the success and growth of Delta and Pine Land."

TEAGUE PROMOTED AT OLE MISS

Brad Teague, ('92 & '95) former assistant director of the DSU Alumni Association and Foundation, has been named associate director of the Loyalty Foundation at Ole Miss.

In his third year with the Foundation, Brad is responsible for public relations initiatives, including fundraising endeavors and marketing tools. He is also responsible for all office operations, including financial and computer database management.

Teague is in the process of completing his doctorate in Educational Leadership with emphasis in Higher Education Administration.



50th Career Marathon

Bill LaForge ('72) approaches the finish-line, completing his 50th lifetime marathon, and his 19th run at the Boston classic. Also a triathlete and a whitewater enthusiast, he will top 50,000 career miles — the equivalent of twice around the earth.

Formerly chief of staff to U.S. Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS), LaForge is an attorney with the law firm of McGuiness & Williams in Washington, D.C., and specializes in government relations. A past-president of the DSU Alumni Association and member of the DSU Foundation board of directors, he was selected Delta State's alumnus of the year in 1992.

DSU's 1998 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Ned A. Mitchell, *Class of 1962*



Ned A. Mitchell of Cleveland is the University's Outstanding Alumnus of 1998, and he will be honored at Homecoming festivities on October 3rd.

A 1962 graduate, Mitchell earned the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with a major in Social Science. He compiled an outstanding record while a student at Delta State where he was a member of the Men's Honor Council, Kappa Delta Pi and the Inter-Fraternity Council. He was also selected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was named Senior Class Favorite.

Additionally, Mitchell was a three-year letter winner in football and was a member of the M Club. He was one of the founding members of the men's social fraternity, Delta Alpha Omega, which later became the University's Kappa Alpha Order. Following his graduation, Mitchell was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa honor circle at Delta State.

Mitchell currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and President of Bolivar Insurance Agency, Inc. in Cleveland. He is also a member of the board of directors of First National Bank in Cleveland. He began his career with the Travelers Insurance Co. following his graduation from Delta State, and he has remained in the insurance profession since. Mitchell founded Mississippi Insurance Managers, Inc., an insurance management company in Jackson, and he currently serves on its board of directors.

Mitchell has served as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of America. A leader for reform in insurance law in Mississippi, he received the J.H. Johnson Award, the state's most prestigious insurance recognition award in 1981, and in 1985, he was the recipient of a presidential citation at the national convention for his work with the Independent Agents of America.

Active in local and area civic affairs, Mitchell is past president of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce, the Bolivar Council Industrial Foundation, the Cleveland Arts Council, and he is a past president of Delta State University's Foundation. He now serves as the DSU foundation board's vice-president.

He recently served as chair of TEAM CLEVELAND, an affiliate of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce. Mitchell is a board member and president-elect of the Mississippi Main Street Association, a statewide organization promoting development in towns and cities across the state. A native of Cleveland, Mitchell is a member of the Cleveland Historic Commission.

Delta State's Athletic Alumni Association recognized Mitchell as the "Distinguished Statesman of the Year" in 1993.

Mitchell and his wife, Bettye, have three daughters, Allyn Mitchell Evans, Suzanne Bailey Mitchell and Jennifer Mitchell, and three grandchildren.

MANNING NAMED BELL SOUTH AREA MANAGER



Carolyn White Manning ('83) has been named Area Manager of the Delta Region for BellSouth. A veteran in the telecommunications industry, Manning comes to the corporate and external affairs department from a managerial position with the small business services division of BellSouth. She began her career with BellSouth as a service advisor in the Greenwood area. Prior to working with BellSouth, Manning held managerial positions with AT&T including sales and service.

Manning replaces Jim Finger who is retiring from BellSouth after 39 years of service, during which he held managerial positions in Jackson, Meridian, Grenada and Greenville. Very active in community, civic and church activities in Greenville, Finger is a current member of the DSU Foundation board of directors.

Manning recently received one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women Awards for her outstanding contributions to the economic success of businesses and for her contributions to the betterment of Mississippi.

Active in community affairs, Manning has been involved in numerous arts, education and philanthropic organizations. Most recently, she worked with The Arts Alliance, Jackson Symphony League and the Metro Chamber of Commerce. She earned a BBA from Delta State and the MBA degree from Colorado State University. Manning and her husband, Clyde, are the parents of two grown children.

Alumni News

THREE CHEERS FOR LUCY

Lucy Canizaro Williams ('65) has dedicated the past 15 years of her life to coaching cheerleaders at Kirby High School in Memphis, Tenn. Since receiving a B.S.E. degree in HPE&R and Psychology from Delta State, Lucy has earned graduate degrees in Psychology and Administration/Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi and Memphis State University.



She has taught and coached the cheerleaders at Kirby since 1967. She not only has coached and fostered these students, but she has made cheerleaders on and off the floor her top priority. Lucy never turns an interested

student away from cheering because they cannot meet the financial obligations. She has fundraisers throughout the year to ensure everyone has a chance to participate.

Williams coached her first coed squad at Kirby High School in 1985. She has guided her teams to the National Cheerleading Championship every year since 1984-85 and has won the Junior Varsity division in addition to achieving top five finishes nationally every year in the Varsity Coed division.

Because of her dedication and sincere genuineness and concern for her students, Williams was named 1997-98 West Tennessee Cheer Coach of the Year by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

Lucy is credited with playing an integral role in the achievements of the DSU national championship squads as numerous Kirby products (9 of 14 members last year) have continued their education and participation here.

1998 ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Mickey Robinson, president of the DSU Alumni Association, announced that the following are to be recognized at the Association's homecoming luncheon on Oct. 3 at Delta State.

Selected as the recipient for the Hugh Ellis Walker Service Award, presented annually to an alumnus, is Sue Thweatt King ('41) of Cleveland.

David Work, Sr. of Cleveland has been named this year's recipient of the Gladys Castle "Friend of Delta State" Service Award, presented annually to a non-alumnus.

Others being recognized are **Beth Guest Embry** ('86) of Ridgeland, recipient of the Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award and **Brooke Balof** of Clarksdale, recipient of the H.L. Nowell Student Alumni Service Award.

Alumni Chapter News

Travel Group to Jackson

On June 9 the DSU Travel Group enjoyed a delightful trip to tour Splendors of Versailles in Jackson.

Natchez hosts meeting

The Southwest Mississippi Chapter alumni ate "High-on-the-Hog" as they enjoyed Couchon d'lait at the home of Tom & Stacy Graning in Natchez.

New York meeting "washed"

Several DSU representatives made their way to New York on June 13 for the "Mississippi in the Park" picnic but the weatherman had different ideas as the event was canceled.

Jackson Area alumni get together

A large crowd was on hand to enjoy catfish and fellowship at their summer meeting on July 17 at the Ag Museum.

Northeast Mississippi Chapter hosts alumni

The Northeast Mississippi Chapter met for fun, food & fellowship by the pool at the Executive Inn in Tupelo. Prior to the meeting The Peoples Bank hosted DSU faculty and staff for a round of golf at Big Oak Golf Club.

Memphis Area schedules meeting

The Memphis Area Chapter has scheduled a meeting for alumni and friends at the home of Carole Pleasants on Sept. 17.

Alumni News

Corporate Executive Credits Delta State for Success

Henry A. (Brad) Bradshaw, a 1960 graduate of Delta State, recently retired from Armstrong World Industries, Inc., as president of Worldwide-Building Products Operations.

A native of Lucedale, Brad began his 33-year career in 1963 with the now \$3 billion corporation as a production line chemist in Pensacola, FL. In 1968 he became chief chemist at the company's Jackson plant, and a year later was named production supt. for the start-

up of a manufacturing location in Marietta, PA.

In 1985 Bradshaw returned to corporate headquarters in Pensacola to assume the position of general manager of manufacturing for all building products. In 1990 he was elected by the company's board of directors to be Group Vice President of that operation and four years later the board elevated him to President.

For much of his career, Bradshaw took the leadership role in plant start-ups, acquisitions, and joint ventures in the United States, Europe and Asia that have enabled Armstrong to become the world leader in the mineral fiber ceilings business. Partial recognition of his achievements came in 1995 when his organization won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. On behalf of the thousands of people who worked in his operation, Bradshaw accepted the award from President Clinton.

Reflecting on Bradshaw's years with the company, Armstrong Chairman and CEO George Lorch said, "Brad has a deep respect for people at all levels of the organization and has developed a strong team ... and his forthright style has built trust throughout the organization, which has achieved a new level of operating excellence in all areas, from safety to profits."

Bradshaw credits his physics degree from Delta State and his Chemistry degree from Florida State for the technical knowledge that was instrumental in his success, especially through his manufacturing assignments.

He is quick to point to the people within his organiza-

tion as the most instrumental factor in whatever success others attribute to him. "They're the ones who got it done," he says.

A resident of Gulf Breeze, FL, Bradshaw has served on the board of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Baptist Hospital, and the Pensacola Art Museum. His wife, the former Katie Freeland of Lucedale, also attended Delta State. They are the parents of two sons.

Wanted: Young Alumni!

If you are 35 years of age or younger, then you are a "young alumnus" of Delta State and the Alumni Association needs you!

Your voice is needed to:

- * help plan and implement programs and activities which will be of service to young alumni of Delta State University, and

- * provide leadership and guidance from a young alumni perspective.

Young alumni are the future of the Delta State University Alumni Association. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet new friends, network, and give something back to your university.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the DSU Alumni Association at the local, state, or even national level, please fill out the form below and mail or fax it to:

Young Alumni Program, P.O.Box 3104, Cleveland,
MS 38733 or (fax) 601-846-4713.

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Social Security # _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____
(work) _____

Class Year _____

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"Your Place In Time" Annual Fund

A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

During the 1997-98 academic year, Delta State University reached a remarkable milestone in its three-year history of the Annual Fund—contributions by alumni and friends totaled \$58,500, an increase of 908% in only three years.

In addition, a higher percentage of alumni and friends provided financial support to the Annual Fund than during any previous year—a participation rate increase of 360% over the past three years.



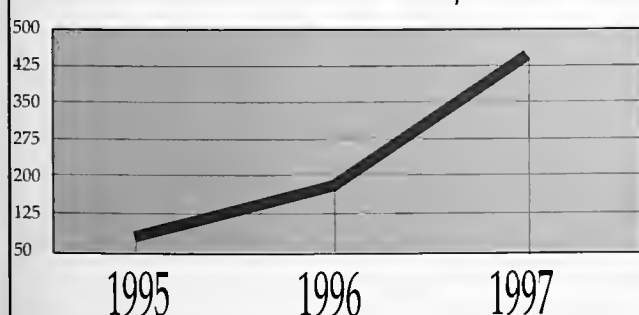
The Student Alumni Association (SAA) held the first-ever "Thank-A-Thon". Students called and "thanked" alumni and friends for their gifts to the "Your Place In Time" Annual Fund. Three of the forty callers are (l to r) Lyla Cooper, Emily Erwin and Joyce Woo.

Gifts from alumni, parents, and friends have a direct and immediate impact on the quality of a Delta State education.

Gifts to the Annual Fund have made it possible to:

- Recruit students and faculty to Delta State
- Expand university advertising and public relations efforts
- Allow student participation in academic competitions and conferences
- Renovate and expand the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House
- Publish *Delta Currents* magazine
- Fund special campus events and lecturers
- Strengthen the overall academic program

Record Growth in Participation



"YOUR PLACE IN TIME" BRICK PLAZA NEARLY COMPLETE.

Dr. Wayne Blansett, (73), Vice President for Student Affairs, surveys the construction of the "Your Place In Time" Brick Plaza in front of Ward Hall. The 20-foot clock has been set.

Placement of the engraved bricks will begin in August.

To sponsor a commemorative brick call 1.800.468.6378 ext 6.



"Your Place In Time" Annual Fund Record Growth



Philanthropy

The Kent Wyatt Enrichment Program

"Delta State is going to continue very much as we always have, striving to meet the needs of all of our students and upholding our standards of academic excellence."

-Dr. Kent Wyatt

upon the occasion of his inauguration as the fifth president of Delta State University, November 21, 1975.



Dr. Kent Wyatt thanks his former instructor and colleague, Dr. Eleanor Walters, for her participation in The Kent Wyatt Enrichment Program.

As Dr. Wyatt approaches a quarter century of service as President of Delta State University, he has held firm to his inaugural words. The university has enhanced its reputation for providing individual guidance and attention to its students and has achieved both regional and national accreditation for all its academic programs.

In tribute to Dr. Wyatt and his record of achievement, the Delta State University Foundation on June 23, 1998 announced **The Kent Wyatt Enrichment Program: A Campaign for Delta State**. This program addresses the three areas identified by Dr. Wyatt as critical to the growth of the University: Faculty Development, Presidential Scholarships, and University Enhancement.

I invite you to join with the many others who have thus far provided \$400,000 in gifts and pledges to this program, which will allow the university to further the goals and achievements of its distinguished President.

Leroy Morganti

Dr. Leroy Morganti
Vice-President for University Advancement

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY



I accept this invitation to help Dr. Wyatt achieve his goals for the students and faculty of Delta State through my gift/pledge to The Kent Wyatt Enrichment Program.

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Email _____

With the support of its alumni, parents, and friends, Delta State University will continue to provide the best resources—in ways that could not have been imagined just years ago.

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Philanthropy



George and Grace Wofford of Drew have established **The Lloyd Clark Women's Basketball Endowment Fund** in honor of Lloyd Clark, women's basketball coach at Delta State.

Coach Clark, a 1970 graduate of Delta State, has been head basketball coach since 1983. Lloyd and wife, Barbara ('70) are natives of Drew. Lloyd received a Drew Rotary Club loan to attend Delta State. "That's when I started following Lloyd's career once

he received our Rotary Club loan," said Wofford, a longtime Drew Rotarian and 1936 graduate of Delta State.

"I kept up with him once he graduated and have been very proud of all he has accomplished. We've felt like he was one of our own. Grace and I have followed his teams all over the country and have seen a lot of ball games. We've been DSU fans all of our lives and this is our way of helping Lloyd and women's basketball at Delta State," Mr. Wofford added.

"I have been a long time friend of the Wofford family. I graduated from Drew High School with their daughter, Martha Kirk Wofford. This is a great honor they are bestowing on our basketball program and on me. I appreciate them for their loyalty all of these years. We need more people like them," Coach Clark said.



Hugh Ellis and Eloise Walker established a \$10,000 endowed scholarship for an elementary major. On hand for the announcement are from left, Dr. Larry Hailey, Chair of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction; Eloise Walker, Hugh Ellis Walker, and Dr. E.E. "Butch" Caston, Dean of the School of Education.

Dr. Don A. Skelton, executive director of the Delta State University Foundation, announces the Hugh Ellis Walker family has established **The Eloise Stratton Walker Scholarship**. This scholarship is in honor of Eloise Stratton Walker who served as associate professor and coordinator of the undergraduate elementary education program from 1970 to 1993.

The scholarship is being funded by a pledge of \$10,000. At the completion of the endowment the scholarship award amount will be equal to the annual earnings. Until then, \$200 a year will be available to a full-time sophomore, junior, or senior student majoring in elementary education and maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

"Delta State has been extremely important to my family and me. As a faculty member and advisor, I often found the need for scholarship aid to help good students continue their dreams of becoming teachers. My family and I offer the scholarship as an opportunity to assist elementary education students and Delta State University," Eloise Walker said.

TIMS FAMILY DONATES MAP

Lamar, Kathy and Shelley Tims of Dallas, TX, have donated an originally engraved Map of the Mississippi Delta in memory of **Marjorie H. and Lowry L. Tims**. A. Dezauche, a French engineer and geographer, based on data gathered prior to the 1803 sale of the Louisiana Territory to the United States, issued the map around 1819.

The map will be framed and hung in the reading room of the Charles W. Capps, Jr. Archives and Museum Building. The Capps Building is a repository for manuscripts that document the history of the Delta and for historically significant records of Delta State University.

Tara Zachary, archivist, accepts the 180-year-old Map of the Mississippi Delta from Cam Tims, nephew of Lamar Tims.



THE DAVIDSON FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Karen Ann Van Devender is the 1998 recipient of the prestigious Davidson Family Endowed Scholarship. Karen, a freshman from Union, graduated from Union High School with a 4.0 GPA and scored 30 on the ACT. She is the daughter of Robert and Coreen Van Devender of Union, MS.

At Union High School, Karen was active in the Band, Chorus, Yearbook, Math and Science Team, Student Government, the Beta Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She earned numerous academic honors and was the recipient of the Renee Goss Memorial Award.

Karen's summer has been devoted to attending band camps and performing mission work in Honduras. Karen plans to major in music with an emphasis in instrumental education.

In 1996, Dr. and Mrs. L. Stacy Davidson of Cleveland, and sons, John Stacy and Friley, established a fully endowed scholarship at Delta State University. Their gift of \$300,000 established a four-year scholarship, which includes tuition, room, board, fees, and a book allowance.

"Karen is a very vivacious young lady. Her academic background and her personality will make her an asset to Delta State University," stated Dr. Davidson. He continued, "The purpose of our scholarship is to attract to Delta State a high caliber person with outstanding academic standards. My family and I could not be more pleased with the selection of Karen as the recipient."



Karen Ann Van Devender and Dr. Stacy Davidson

Sports Update

Myrick & Haynes Named All-American

Delta State's outfield duo of Casey Myrick and Dee Haynes were honored by the American Baseball Coaches Association's All-American Committee after leading the 1998 Statesmen to a 39-12 record.

Myrick, a senior from Grenada, earned recognition by hitting .426 and driving in 66 runs. Haynes, a freshman from Columbus, hit .393 with 21 home runs and 74 RBIs.

Cates New Head Coach At Tennessee Martin

Victor "Bubba" Cates ('82, '89) is the new head baseball coach at The University of Tennessee at Martin.

Cates previously coached at Jackson (TN) State Community College where he built a successful program (255-161) over the past nine years. Having received several coach of the year honors, he was the National Junior College Athletic Assn. Eastern District Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1997 Tennessee Junior College Western Division Coach of the Year.

A native of Cleveland, MS, Cates received both his bachelor's and master's in mathematics from Delta State.

UCA HIRES HUDSPETH

Mark Hudspeth ('92), who coached Winston Academy to a 14-0 record and the Academy Class A football championship last year, has joined the University of Central Arkansas staff as defensive secondary coach. Hudspeth, a former Delta State quarterback, previously served as a graduate assistant at UCA.

Conference Unveils New Logo

The Gulf South Conference has unveiled a new logo for the beginning of the 1998-99 athletic year.

The conference, which is celebrating its 28-year anniversary continues a tradition of growth and success that has brought it distinction as an elite conference in NCAA Division II athletics. With 16 active member schools in six southeastern states, the GSC is the second largest Division II conference in the nation.



The GSC was formed in the summer of 1970 with nine charter members: (Delta State, North Alabama, Jacksonville State, Livingston, U.T. Martin, Troy State, N.W. Louisiana, S.E. Louisiana and Nicholls State).

Since then the conference has grown to sixteen members through several departures and some recent expansions to balance out a league that has captured 31 Division II national team championships in eight sports.

DSU's PELEZO HONORED

Elizabeth Pelezo, who finished an outstanding four-year softball career at Delta State this past spring, was one of four female student-athletes named to the Gulf South Conference's Second Annual "Top Eight" list.

Pelezo, a three-time GSC All-Academic selection who earned GTE/CoSIDA and NFCA All-Academic honors twice, was also named to the DSU President's List four times and the Dean's list three times.

The 1997 All-GSC softball player is the Lady Statesmen's all-time career leader in games played (192) and ranks second in putouts.



TWO "LEGENDS" TALK BASEBALL

Can you imagine the baseball stories recently shared when Delta State's own Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss and the legendary Baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams got together at Williams' home in Florida. Ferriss, the 1945 American League "Rookie of the Year" and the league's leading pitcher in 1946 with a 25-6 record, and Williams were teammates on the 1946 American League Champion Boston Red Sox team.

Sports Update

First Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame Ceremonies

Mark Graham, president of the Athletic Alumni Association, has announced that induction ceremonies for the Delta State Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, 1998. Selected as the first induction class are Margaret Wade ('33), Frank McClellan ('63), Jerry Boatner ('68), and Jim Miles ('66).

Wade, who will be inducted posthumously, finished her legendary career with an overall record of 633-117. Following an exceptional high school coaching career, Wade was named the Lady Statesmen coach when DSU revived women's basketball in 1973. She quickly established the program nationally leading the Lady Statesmen to three consecutive AIAW National Championships in 1975, '76 and '77. In 1977 the Wade Trophy was established, honoring the outstanding women's collegiate basketball player in America and in 1984 Wade was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

McClellan's Barton (Ark.) high school teams won eight State Championships along with 19 District Championships during his illustrious career. His teams hold the National H.S. Record for consecutive regular season wins with 111 games won. In recognition of his accomplishments, McClellan was named District Coach of the Year 20 times, the state's Outstanding Football Coach three times, and Arkansas High School Football Coach of the Decade for the

1980's.

Boatner, baseball and softball coach at West Lauderdale H.S., has distinguished himself as one of the premier coaches in the nation with 664 wins in baseball and 302 wins in softball. During his career he has won 20 District Championships and eight State Championships in baseball and six District Championships and four State Championships in softball. Among his awards and honors are his being named Mississippi High School Coach of the Year three times, National High School Coach of the Year and U.S. Baseball Federation Coach of the Year. In addition, Boatner has been honored as Baseball Groundskeeper of the Year.

Miles and baseball championships were synonymous at Northwest Mississippi Community College. As head coach of the Rangers from 1975 through the 1997 season Miles' teams won 557 games, with six State Championships, five regional Championships, two District titles, and consecutive trips to the Junior College World Series in 1996 and 1997. He was named Mississippi Junior College Coach of the Year six times and Regional Coach of the Year five times.

Upon their induction, Wade and Miles will become the first Delta State graduates to be inducted into both the DSU Sports Hall of Fame and the DSU Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame.

A reception honoring the inductees is scheduled for 2 P.M., Sept. 19 at the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni-Foundation House with induction ceremonies at halftime of the Statesmen football game that evening.

1998 DELTA STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Sept. 3	Southwest Texas State	7:00 P.M.	San Marcos, Tex.
Sept. 12*	Arkansas Tech	7:00 P.M.	Russellville, Ark.
Sept. 19* @	Valdosta State	7:00 P.M.	HOME
Sept. 26	Open Date		
Oct. 3* #	West Alabama	2:00 P.M.	HOME
Oct. 10*	Henderson State	7:00 P.M.	Arkadelphia, Ark.
Oct. 17*	North Alabama	1:30 P.M.	Florence, Ala.
Oct. 24*	West Georgia	1:00 P.M.	HOME
Oct. 31*	Southern Arkansas	2:30 P.M.	Magnolia, Ark.
Nov. 7 *	Central Arkansas	1:00 P.M.	HOME
Nov. 14*	Arkansas-Monticello	2:00 P.M.	Monticello, Ark.

* indicates Gulf South Conference games

*@ indicates Pig Pickin *

indicates Homecoming

1998 Lady Statesmen Cross Country Schedule

Sept. 9	at Southwest Texas
Sept. 12	at Ouachita
Sept. 19	at Southern Ark.
Sept. 26	DSU Invitational
Oct. 2	at Lyon College
Oct. 10	at Rhodes College
Oct. 24	GSC at Memphis

RONNIE MAYERS

Class Act From Class of 1974

Anyone who has been on the Delta State campus as a student, parent or a visitor during the past 25 years, more than likely has come in contact with Ronnie Mayers, men and women's swimming and diving coach, and assistant professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

What some, but probably not many, do not know is that Ronnie, a 1974 graduate, is the founder of the Delta Aquatic Club, a group of youngsters, aged eight-and-under to fifteen-and-over, who have competed on the local, state, and national levels for the past 25 years.

Mayers' swimmers have been champions at all levels and they have come from Cleveland, Greenville, Greenwood, Leland, Indianola, Shaw, Shelby, Duncan, Clarksdale, Rosedale, and many other Delta hamlets. When the first age group swimming team hit the water at the Walker Natatorium on the Delta State campus, a "freshly-graduated" Ronnie Mayers was the coach.

With a lot of water splashed from many pools throughout the state, the Delta Aquatics Club, now the Delta State University Aquatics Club, is still going strong, thanks to Mayers' influence, care and guidance. He works hand-in-hand with the community, not just Cleveland, but Greenville and Greenwood which also field a DSUA team.

Then some 11 years later in 1985, Mayers with the help of Dr. Kent Wyatt, University president, founded the intercollegiate swimming and diving team. First, it was just women, then a couple of years later, came the men. His 1992-93 and 1996-97 women's squads captured New South Intercollegiate Swim League (NSISL) championships. Mayers has been named Coach of the Year five times for his women's teams successes and twice for his men's teams, including the 1997-98 group.

He is especially proud of the fact that his women and men's swimming alumni remain in contact with him. "They want to know how our current teams are doing, and they also give to the intercollegiate swimming program. Their sharing and giving is a key factor in the continuing success of our swimming teams," Mayers is quick to point out.

Over the past two years, Mayers has led the Statesmen to consecutive NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championship appearances, while producing five first team All-Americans and six honorable mention All-Americans.

Two years ago, senior swimmer Trey Labella, was named a first team Academic All-America member.

A strong proponent of swimming competition throughout the state, he received the Distinct Service Award in 1993 from Mississippi Swimming Inc., for his many contributions to amateur swimming in Mississippi.

As a member of the HPER faculty at Delta State, Mayers teaches swimming, lifesaving and other classes. "I get as big a thrill out of teaching someone to swim as I do watch-

ing someone break a state record," he said. Not only does he teach children to swim, but college students who never learned how. He's even taught folks in their 60's who, he pointed out, are usually motivated because of medical problems.

Mayers is in charge of the lifesaving programs and scuba diving classes. "We try to offer as many activities as we can for the students and the community," he said. "Working at Delta State has been a great

experience because I get so much support from the administration and my colleagues."

Another area in which Mayers is involved, is recruiting. He said that he has found that it is easy to recruit students to Delta State because they like the school, the academic offerings, the faculty and the community. "We have swimmers from France, Alaska, Illinois, Texas, as well as from all over the state. I enjoy meeting all the students at DSU and the kids through the age group teams — it's really exciting."

He is a driving force behind the recently-approved Delta State Aquatics Center — future home of the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen swimming and diving teams — a \$6 million facility on which construction should begin late this fall or early next year.

Mayers also holds his masters degree in education from Delta State, and he earned a degree from the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Coaches' College in 1974 and from the United States Swimming Coaches' College in 1975.

A native of Natchez, Mayers is married to the former Karen Scott, also from Natchez, and they have a daughter, Ann Marie, who competes for the DSU Aquatics Club. "Swimming is a family sport for us."



With The Classes

1941

Sue Thweatt King was recognized with an alumni service award by the DSU Bolivar County Alumni Chapter.

1943

Eulalia Brand was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Bolivar Medical Center Auxiliary in Cleveland.

1950

Dr. Patricia A. Thrash was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Adrian College in Adrian, MI.

1958

Dr. Irving W. Waters was presented a Faculty Achievement Award at the University of Mississippi.

1961

Lynn Delas was selected STAR Teacher at Indianola Academy in Indianola.

1963

Sharon MacDonald, of San Antonio, TX, published a new children's book Everyday Discoveries: Amazingly Easy Math and Science Activities.

Pete Peden has been honored with a recognition award for thirty years of service with the CableOne Company.

Archie Mote is the owner of M & M Business Solutions in Senatobia.

Betty Jo Abraham earned a masters degree in Storytelling from East Tenn. State University in Johnson City, TN.

Jean Abrams, a Miss. Delta Comm. College instructor since 1964, had the college's art gallery dedicated in her honor.

Lucy Canizaro Williams was named 1998 Cheerleader Coach of the Year for West Tennessee.

1968

Jerry Boatner won his eighth 3A state baseball championship at West Lauderdale H.S. in Collinsville.

1969

Ellen Leftwich Goodwin teaches first grade at Pierce Elementary School in Bay City, Texas.

Jerry Crowe is the headmaster at Leake Academy in Madden.

1970

Judy Long chairs the English Dept. at Olive Branch H.S.

1972

Sadie H. Hester was Star Teacher at Sharkey-Issaquena Academy in Rolling Fork.

Stansel Harvey is the senior vice president of Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

John Arthur House is theatre director at Rust College in Holly Springs.

1974

Regina M. Chrestman received the

Meritorious Achievement Award at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

Chris Calcote, athletic director at Gulf Coast Community College, serves as Regional Director for the National Junior College Athletic Assn.

1975

Don Ware is the area supervisor for the unemployment insurance division in Jackson.

Jamie Clark's East Central Community College baseball team won the 1998 Miss. J.C. State Championship.

Larry Jones is the superintendent of Franklin County Schools in Meadville.

1978

Dr. Gene Sikora is the superintendent of the Dermott Public Schools in Dermott, Ark.

Dean Hancock is vice president of the Foundation at North Mississippi Health Services in Tupelo.

Jimmy Newquist has been named the general manager at Wellington Associates, Inc., a general insurance company in Jackson.

1980

Beth Daniels Maze was the speaker for Chamberlain-Hunt Academy's graduation exercises in Port Gibson.

1981

Stacy Hester's New Hope H.S. baseball team won the 1998 Class 4A State Championship.

Marion Raines, DSU professor, received the National Student Nurses Association "Leader of Leaders" Award.

1982

Victor Bubba Cates is the head baseball coach at The University of Tennessee at Martin.

John Yates travels throughout the United States ministering through vocal solos with his trumpet and his ventriloquial figures.

Delma Furniss recently celebrated his 15th year as a representative with the Mississippi Legislature.

Michael Jones is an assistant vice president for Trustmark National Bank of Jackson.

John C. Mullins is the Superintendent of Tishomingo County Schools.

Jenny Hays Stevens is a programmer analyst with Heatcraft Corporation in Grenada.

1983

Carolyn White Manning is the new area manager for the Delta region for BellSouth.

Kebo Stevens is celebrating his 10th year as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Water Valley.

Mark Hargett is the president of Planters Bank & Trust Co. in Cleveland.

1984

Billy Morehead was presented the 1998 National President's Award and the Regional Vice President's Silver Award from the Assn. of Govt. Accountants.

Herman Sanders was elected president of the Miss. Driver Education Association.

1985

Nick Joseph, Jr. is the city clerk at Indianola.

Harry Tarsi was recognized with a top sales award by Quality Steel Corporation in Cleveland.

1986

Greg LaFosse is a vice president for Trustmark National Bank in Jackson.

1987

Wendy Smith was named "Teacher of the Month" at Horn Lake H.S.

1988

Don Skelton, Jr. is men's basketball coach at Northwest Community College in Senatobia.

Tammie Pryor Skelton is an elementary teacher with the Tate County Schools.

1989

Shelly Snyder is the Director of Communications at General Aviation Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C.

Stephanie Bain Siebert is employed as a sales representative for Aviall Services in Texas.

1990

Rhonda Roark Bagby is chief operating officer at United Health Care of Miss. in Jackson.

Stephanie Wilson Dutcher has earned her MBA degree from the University of Mississippi.

Tina Braswell is the Director of Occupational Therapy at Grenada Lake Medical Center.

Rosemary Dill was recognized as the Coahoma Cty. "Teacher of The Year."

1991

Mike Montesi earned a medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Barry Bridgers was named seed production manager with Iowa-Terra Industries in Sioux City, Iowa.

1992

Angela Ferguson was "Teacher of the Year" at St. Joseph Elem. School in Conway, AR.

Stanley Johnson was named "Employee of the Month" at Borg-Warner Automotive Air/Fluid Systems in Water Valley.

Dan Boyce is head football coach at Indianola Academy.

1993

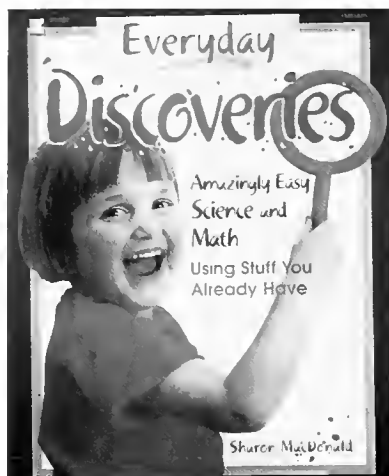
Brian Porter is an assistant cashier with The Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Tupelo.

Kristi Lane Hager was named STAR Teacher at Central Holmes Academy in Lexington.

Lance Pogues is the new head football coach at Eupora H.S.

Caroline Crawford received two state awards for illustrations by the LA/MS Associate Press Managing Editors Assn.

Georgia Ryle is serving as System Administrator for PAC ONE, Inc. in Summit.



Sharon MacDonald's New Book, Everyday Discoveries: Amazingly Easy Math and Science Activities.

With The Classes

David Karr was recognized as "Operator of the Year" by the Mississippi's Water Control Operator's Assn. in Batesville.

Eunika Stevula is a label designer for CCL Labels in Memphis, Tenn.
1994

Chris Shivers is employed as a health and safety specialist with Farm Bureau Safety Department in Jackson.

Christy Riddle is a Program Associate for AmeriCorps and Communications for the DSU Center for Community Development.

Andrew Scott Middleton received the Miss. Dental Assn. Award at the University of Mississippi Medical Center graduation.

Chad Barefoot attends the Univ. of Penn. where he is pursuing a MSN in the critical care NP program; he is also pursuing a management

specialty degree from Wharton Business School in Philadelphia, PA.

Amy Tucker Barefoot attends Allegheny University/Health Sciences in Hahnemann, PA, where she is pursuing her Masters of Physical Therapy.

David Shipp was chosen "Citizen of the Year" for the city of Clarksdale.

Taylor Burrell has earned a Masters of Physical Therapy degree at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles E. Leckie received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic in Lewisburg.

Daniel Prather is Assistant Director of Operations/Tampa International Airport.
1995

Brady Stewart is marketing director for Ridgeland Court, an assisted living community.

Misty Boyd Mosley is a speech pathologist with Sundance Rehab and is co-operator of Whiskey Butte Ranch in Kinnear, WY.

Dr. John Tolbert is Outreach Coordinator at Trace Pathways in Okolona.

Melanie Rowsey is attending the graduate school of Speech Pathology at MUW.

Chris Wilson was named City Administrator at Olive Branch.

Allison Sledge is a Speech Pathologist for North Miss. Medical Center Home Health Agency in Houston.

1996

Marcus Casano is a loan officer with Mortgage Consultants, Inc. in Jackson.

Alicia Woods Perry is a Phys. Therapist at S. Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel.

1997

David Johnson is sports editor for The Bolivar Commercial.

Tricia D. Heranney is a Child Life intern at Kings Daughters Hospital in Greenville.

Teresa Leigh Chandler earned the M.A. degree in Christian Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ken Winter is director of the new Law Enforcement Training Academy located at Miss. Delta Community College.

Kip Luby has joined the Yazoo City Police Department.

Jennifer Pieralisi has opened a painting, pottery, & sculpture studio in Leland.

1998

Becky Bonner is with the Mississippi Extension Service 4H Program in Hazlehurst.

Shane Staten is head softball coach at Kirk Academy in Grenada.

Jenny Rives is an accountant with Rives & Leavell Bond Co. in Jackson.

Bacardo Jackson is a chemist at Baxter Healthcare Corporation in Cleveland.

1998-99 Statesmen Basketball

11/2	Spirit Express
11/9	Vasda
11/13	Delta State Classic
11/14	Delta State Classic
11/18	at Tougaloo
11/21	GSC Crossover Tourn.
11/22	GSC Crossover Tourn.
11/30	North Alabama
12/4	O/C Tournament
12/5	O/C Tournament
12/9	Tougaloo
12/29	Tarleton State Tourn.
12/30	Tarleton State Tourn.
1/6	at Ark. Baptist
1/9	Arkansas Tech
1/11	at Central Arkansas
1/16	Henderson State
1/18	at Ark./Monticello
1/23	Southern Arkansas
1/26	Tarleton State
1/30	at CBC
2/1	at Arkansas Tech
2/4	Central Arkansas
2/8	at Henderson State
2/11	Ark./Monticello
2/15	at Southern Ark.
2/20	CBC

All Home Games at 8:00 pm

Baby Statesmen

Note: All births were in 1998 unless otherwise indicated

Nicholas Ryan to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Collins (**Lisa Hurt** '94) on Sept. 2, 1997.

Presley Claire to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vane (**Amy Sultan** '93) on March 25.

Shelby Grace to Mr. and Mrs. **Eric Fallon** '92 (**Sandra Higginbotham** '91) on May 11.

Shelby Layne to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Horton (**Leigh Manning** '95) on August 28, 1997.

Kathleen Melissa to Mr. and Mrs. **James Darrell McDaniel** '93 (**Julie Hill** '94) on December 9, 1997.

Ellie Katherine to Mr. and Mrs. **Jeff Williams** '93 (**Susan Rawlinson** '90) on April 5.

Chloe Miranda to Mr. and Mrs. **David Balducci** '92 (**Melanie Vaughn** '92) on March 31.

Ally McCoy to Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Floyd Embry** '87 (**Elizabeth Guest** '86) on January 20.

Elizabeth Ann to **Capt. and Mrs. James N. Jones** '86 (**Kim Geddie** '84) on December 1, 1997.

Joshua Brent to Mr. and Mrs. Brent Martin (**Meredith Poole**) on April 19.

Jamie Alise to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Plummer (**Amy Clemons** '86) on March 17.

Mary Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malone (**Elizabeth McGovern** '90) on April 19.

Joseph Walker to Mr. and Mrs. **Rush Line** '90 (**Judy Morenzi**) on March 30.

Lacey Anne King to Mr. and Mrs. Jay King (**Gwen Sayle** '88) on March 15.

Russell Drew Smither to Mr. and Mrs. **Richard "Rickey" Smither** '94 (**Lynn Ouzts** '94) on November 17, 1997.

Elizabeth Marie to Mr. and Mrs. **Heath Thompson** '90 (**Rebecca Goellner** '92) on June 8, 1998.

Jacob Jake Earnest to Mr. and Mrs. **James Ernest Caskey** '90 (**Dana Pyron** '90) on August 6, 1997.

Jon Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Singleton (**Carole-Lynn White** '91) on February 17.

Kathryn Pierce to Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Tibbens (**Amy Teater** '91) on April 13.

Brandon Lane to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dutcher (**Stephanie Wilson** '90) on November 20, 1997.

Camille Alayne to Mr. and Mrs. **George T. Henley** '89 (**Melody Martin** '89) on November 13, 1997.

Charles Wyatt to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrior (**Candy Daniels** '85) on May 5.

Madelyn Claire to Mr. and Mrs. **D. Trent Hammond** '90 (**Kim Campbell**) on June 20.

Walker Stewart to Mr. and Mrs. **Russell Stewart Jenkins** '96 (**Kelley Heatherly** '94) on June 17.

Luke Austin to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nullett (**Trina Garner** '87) on June 29.

Hunter Middleton and Ian Jackson to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Price (**Beth Robinson** '87) on July 13.

Emily Meredith to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Allen Morse** '89 (**Amanda "Mandy" Cooper** '91) on July 15.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Aguzzi, '97

Wade & Bethany Baskin '89 & '90

Carl Easley, '65

William S. & Jeannine H. Gardner, '49

Jacqueline Renee Helton, '88

Carolyn Kent, '81

Teresa Fugett Lusk, '86

Lesa Jane Mathis, '95

Jennifer Elisabeth Mitchell, '97

Elaine Fields Montgomery, '57

Billy & Becky Nowell, '72 & '81, '85

Robert V. Owens, '89 & '93

G. Mickey Robinson, '85

Ralph L. Scruggs, '78

Robert L. Thomas, '64

Wade & Deedra Ward, '92 & '95

**Our apologies to H. Thorne Crosby, his graduation years are '96 & '97*

Were You A First

Hunter Parham ('67) of Grenada has alerted our office that he was the first "Statesman" mascot. All three Shelter Insurance agents named to this year's "Conference of Champions" from Memphis, TN are DSU graduates. They are Tim Gaines ('94), Matthew Michel ('92), and Larry Ferguson ('95). This must be a first!

If you feel you are a "first", notify the Delta Currents staff at P. O. Box 3104 • Cleveland, MS 38732

Tell us About Yourself

Name _____ Year of graduation _____ Social Security # _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Major at DSU _____ Additional Degrees _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Additional Information _____

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Wedding Bells

All wedding dates are in 1998 unless otherwise indicated

Molly Stoudt to **J. Dustin Riggs** '96 on Sept. 20, 1997.

Joyce Sledge '85 to Mike Tucker on May 2.

Shonna Marie Bishop '98 to **Shane Viner** '92 on May 9.

Antoinette Townsend to **Christopher Jamaine Corbin** '98 on May 16.

Natalie Jane Wade '97 to Marcus Mobley on May 30.

Brandie Price to **Byron Tiller** '95 on May 2.

Thelma Lawrence to **Gregory D. Walker** '95 on April 25.

Heather Dunning '98 to **Ryan Short** '96 on May 9.

Mauri Louise Hanks '97 to **Frederick Warren Hart** '95 on May 30.

Amber Michelle Kish '95 to **Ryan Anthony Marchetta** on May 16.

Judith Allison Mims '98 to **Steven Corey Melton** '97 on May 16.

Amye Denise Welch '96 to **Brian Douglas Durham** on April 25.

Nikki Evans to **Philip Robertson** '97 on May 16.

Heather Kaye Killebrew '96 to **Albert "Sonny" Tutor** '96 on May 30.

Marci Claire Green '96 to **David Ryan Russum** '96 on May 9.

Alicia Rena Woods '96 to **Brady Lane Perry** on May 16.

Tammy Lynn Shook to **Michael Todd Ross** '98 on April 18.

Kelly Elizabeth Mims '91 to **Paul Christopher Peel** on June 13.

Traci Alisha Hill to **Stephen Douglas Cox** '92 on May 23.

Ellen Leftwich Goodwin '69 to **William H. Merritt** in the Summer of 1997.

Michelle Mineweaser to **John Christopher Haferkamp** '94 on May 16.

Julie Alane Stone '95 to **Rodney Alan Robinson** on June 6.

Angelia Michelle DeLaughter '97 to **Lee Alan Sansing** on May 30.

Kristen Nicole Alford to **Guy Patterson Alderman** '97 on June 13.

Vanessa Karen Sims '98 to **David Garrett Hartley** on June 20.

Lisa Renae Glover '91 to **Paul David Love** on June 6.

Delphony Shenel Williams '95 to **Lynard Dixon** on June 6.

Kristie Renee Rushing to **Christopher Mark Mitchell** '93 on May 30.

Dr. Rachel Ann Wilson '89 to **Arnett Peery** on May 30.

Marion Ellen Robinson to **Timothy Holifield** '95 on June 20.

Catharyne Matilda Costanzi '90 to **Dr. Bennie Barnett Wright, Jr.** '74 on June 27.

Dekiva K. Reynolds to **Gregory A. Robb** on June 27.

Elizabeth Annice Brooks '89 to **Robert Jenkins, Jr.** on June 20.

Joanna L. Joyce '94 to **Jeff Posey** '93 on Sept. 26.

Dana Cher Blaylock '95 to **James Edward Lee** on June 20.

Pamela Jones to **Spence Shepherd** on June 6.

Philander Roshay Williams '98 to **Kendall Munson** '98 on June 6.

Janice Emily Hutton '98 to **William Ryan Porter** '97 on June 13.

Elizabeth Michelle Woods '96 to **Rev. Jerry Walker** on June 27.

Stacey Rachelle Cox '97 to **William Marcus Doss** on June 13.

Amanda Dawn Taylor to **Erick Carnice Davis** '97 on June 27.

Julia Locke Jourdan to **Timothy Michael Peeples** '97 on June 25.

Marilyn Marie Wilson '92 to **Avery Bridges** on May 23.

Susan Carol Weaver '98 to **Kelly Kiszka Perry** on June 13.

Angela Denise Horne to **Scot Bradley Crick** '94 on June 27.

Dana Marie Derrow '82 to **James A. Kent** on July 4.

Rebecca Louise Marsh '97 to **Raymond Todd Mayo** '94 on June 13.

Amy Kristen Robertson '95 to **George McIngvale, II** on June 20.

Stacy L. Simonton to **Brent C. Smithers** '87 on Sept. 26.

Kimberly Anne Sexton '97 to **Christopher Lynn Cooper** on June 20.

LaToya Lynn Singleton '95 to **Emerus Lavatus Addison** '95 on July 20.

Adrienne Lynda Goodin to **Stephen Clay Mercer** '95 on July 12.

Belinda Fisher Haynes '98 to **Scott McKinion** on June 12.

Tanya M. Rikard to **Eric W. Robertson** '95 on June 27.

Anne Marie Blossom to **Bill Ashley** '95 on June 27.

Lorrie Deanna Malone '94 to **Chadwick James Lofton** on July 25.

Leigh Ann Vaughn '97 to **Michael Darin Vance** on July 25.

Amy Nichole Stewart '98 to **James Walter Dinkelacker** on July 18.

Jennifer Hilderbrand '98 to **John H. Ammons, II** on August 1.

Kimberly Ann Wiley '94 to **Brian Dillard** on July 25.

Thomas Kip Luby '97 to **Jennifer Leigh Mosley** '98 on August 1.

Melissa Roberson '96 to **Robert S. Shepard** on July 11.

Samantha Isler '96 to **Marvin Terrel Jackson** on June 27.

Susan Lynn Holland '97 to **Barry Eugene Tyson** on August 1.

Rebecca Bell '90 to **Gregg Rautine** on June 19.

Melissa Dawne Jones '90 to **Curt Ashley Phillips** on May 1.

Jennifer Dawn Sharp '98 to **Charles T. Hanna** on July 11.

Denise Rayanne Smith '98 to **Robert Crosby Naron, Jr.** on Aug. 15.

Grace Alexander '90 to **Scott Bluerock** on July 18.

Susan Jennifer Williams '93 to **Kenneth Taylor, Jr.** '94 on July 11.

Bernice Diane Norris '90 to **Kenneth Ray Willis** '84 on July 4.

Jessica Leigh Carr to **William Bradley Embry** '98 on July 18.

Cheryl M. Mitchell '98 to **Patrick Clark Teel** '97 on July 18.

Angela "Nikki" Evans '98 to **Philip Robertson** '97 on May 16.

Melissa Renee Brandon to **Michael Beau Black** '92 on July 11.

Andrea Kathlyn Free to **Jeremy Gilder** '98 on July 18.

In Memoriam

Geneva Wilson Rosenthal '74 died April 12, 1998.

Annie D. Coleman '42 died April 28, 1998.

Dorothy C. Lever '38 died April 14, 1998.

Olene Warren Hardy '36 died May 1, 1998.

Louise Griffin Conn '29 died April 18, 1998.

Billy Kent Leach '65 died May 5, 1998.

Annie Liddell Jackson '79 died May 6, 1998.

Janice Neal Shirey Ferguson '61 died May 25, 1998.

Lillian Lorene Eddins '59 died June 12, 1998.

Jimmy Sanders, former member of DSU Foundation Board of Directors died June 13, 1998.

Emma Lee Sturdivant Allen '41 died June 22, 1998.

Mager Lee Crawford '60 died February 23, 1998.

Mary Ann McCormick O'Hare, retired head of the home economics department at Delta State died of cancer at her home June 19, 1998.

Virginia Thomas Rose '32 died May 11, 1998.

Laura Fay Poe Prevost '32 died June 15, 1998.

Anne Darr Coleman '42 died April 28, 1998.

Robert Smith, Jr. '87 died May 31, 1998.

Billye June Bowie died July 7, 1998.

May Evelyn Edington Belenchia '75 died July 4, 1998.

George L. Evans '41 died July 6, 1998.

1998-99	
LADY STATESMEN BASKETBALL	
11/13	Northern Kentucky Tourn.
11/14	Northern Kentucky Tourn.
11/18	at Tougaloo
11/21	GSC Crossover Tourn.
11/22	GSC Crossover Tourn.
11/30	North Alabama
12/5	Xavier
12/9	Tougaloo
12/29	North Alabama
12/30	Kentucky State
1/2	at Albany State
1/4	at Columbus State
1/9	Arkansas Tech
1/11	at Central Arkansas
1/16	Henderson State
1/18	at Ark./Monticello
1/23	Southern Arkansas
1/25	at Miss./Women
1/30	at CBC
2/1	at Arkansas Tech
2/4	Central Arkansas
2/8	at Henderson State
2/11	Ark./Monticello
2/15	at Southern Ark.
2/18	Miss./Women
2/20	CBC

All Home Games at 6:00 pm



FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

Georgene Clark was the recipient of the 1998 Kossman Outstanding Faculty Award. James Donald Cooper was awarded the H.L. Nowell Outstanding Staff honor.

Bologna Performing Arts Center 1998-1999 Season

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LANYA TUCKER

Saturday, September 26

THE VERDIER TRIO

Tuesday, October 13

BAILEY HISPANICO

Tuesday, October 20

HOUSE OF BLUES
PRESENTS HIGHWAY 61

Monday, October 26

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

Friday, October 30

AMERSET STRING QUARTET

Tuesday, November 10

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED
ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Wednesday, December 2

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

Friday, December 11

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Holiday Swing Musical

Wednesday, December 16

SPIRIT OF THE DANCE

In the spirit of River Dance!

Tuesday, January 26

A GERSHWIN PARTY

Thursday, February 4

NEW YORK CITY OPERA

PRESENTS MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Monday, February 22

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Thursday, March 18

THE HUNDRED AND
ONE DALMATIANS

Tuesday, March 30

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK, LIVE!

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The Bologna Performing Arts Center initiated the Summer Arts Institute in a highly successful two week Pilot Program held June 1-13.

In the first week, 42 talented students from throughout the Delta and as far away as Madison and Meridian immersed themselves in a week of intensive training in Dance, Theatre, Show Choir, and the Visual Arts.

Sheer energy and enthusiasm characterized the SHOWCASE of talent in a performance of musical excerpts from GREASE! New ideas and individual paintings created the mosaic of the *Grease Lightning Car* as the backdrop.



During week two, the MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE met the Delta, and MORGAN FREEMAN added the luster of stardust. Vicki and Matt, the actor/directors from

Missoula, Montana, auditioned over 70 rising stars from the area, casting a total of 55, ages 5-17, for ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

A highlight of the workshop was a visit by Morgan Freeman, acclaimed actor and

Mississippi native who gave generously of his time to meet with the cast and directors. The Center congratulates everyone involved for outstanding performances, and as we plan for next year's workshop, we are aware of the many talents just waiting to be tapped.



Delta children perform popular musical scenes from Grease!



Missoula Children's Theatre production of Alice in Wonderland

Upcoming Events

September 19
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October 1 & 2
October 2
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DSU Triathlon
Forest Wyatt Golf Tournament
Alumni Association's Pig Pickin'
Elliott Symposium
Alumni Association Board Meeting
Foundation Board Meeting

October 3
October 7
October 9 & 10
October 29
November 5
December 4 & 5

1998 Homecoming
Fall Career Day
Octoberfest
Most Beautiful Pageant
Teacher Recruitment Day
Madrigal Feast